(d) Commonly used, effective drugs used for control of blindness and Trachoma were recommended for Price Control under Category-I of the Drug Price Control Order, 1987. A Committee had been set up to review the listing of drugs under Catgory-I. The Committee has submitted its report on 8-11-88.

Use of Rifampicin for Control of TB and Leprosy

538. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rifampicin is used for control of TB and leprosy:

(b) whether it is a fact that TB and Leprosy are covered under National Heatlh Programmes;

(c) whether it is also a fact that as per policy announced in December, 1986, drugs needed for National Health Programmes would form category-I of price control; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry recommended for shifting Rifampicin for category-I to category-II

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A Committee of Experts was constituted to review the list of drugs which figure under category-I of drug price control order, 1987 The proposal for re-categorisation of Rifampicin was considered by that Committee. The Committee has submitted its report on 8-11-1988.

Drugs banned by Maharashtra Government

539. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Economic Times' dated 3rd November, 1988 under the heading 'Maharashtra bans seven drugs;

(b) if so, what are the names of the drugs found to be sub-standard along with the names of manufacturers;

(c) whether any penal action has been taken against them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) A news item had appeared in the 'Economic Times' dated 3rd November, 1988 under the heading of Maharashtra bans seven drugs. Consequent to the Lentin Commission report, the Maharashtra Government is publishing the names of drugs which are reported not of standard quality and directs the manufacturers of these substandard drugs to stop its sale under the Drugs & Cosmetic Act.

(b) to (d) A statement is annexed.

Statement

Name of Drug	Batch No.	Name of Manufacturer	Action taken
1	2	3	4
1. Dexamethazone Tablet IP	0109	M/s. Bekay Pharmaceuticals Taluja Dist: Raigarh Maharashtra.	Show-cause notice for suspension/cancellation of licence issued

1	2	3	4
2. Bifflin	No batch No.	M/s. Schon Hilfe, Nagpur	Manufactured without licence. Prosecution ordered.
3. Bifflin Sanitizer	No batch No.	M/s. Schon Hilfe, Nagpur	Manufactured without licence. Prosecution ordered.
4. Spasmokent	3074	M/s. Kent Pharmaceuticals Thana, Bombay	Licence already cancelled Prosecution in process.
5. Ferovit Tonic	103	M/s. Parveen Pharma, Bombay	Show-cause notice for cancellation of licence issued.
6. Rubycot Absorbent Cotton Wool	87015	M/s. Ruby Surgicals & allied products, Jalgaon	Show-cause notice for cancellation of licence issued.
7. Rubycot Absorbent cotton wool	85021	M/s. Ruby Surgicals & allied products, Jalgaon	Show-cause notice for cancellation of licence issued.

Drugs Required under National Health Programme

540. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the drugs required for mental Health programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that their use is on the increase and what is the growth rate of these drugs;

(c) whether it is a fact that patients suffrering form Mental Health are also on the increase; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that none of these drugs are presently in category-I if so, what are the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) The National Mental Health programme as approved by the Government, in its essence, aims at promoting community mental health services at primary health care level through health education and training of peripheral level health workers. The intention is to have an integrated programme along with other health programmes. The programme have not identified any drugs as such required under the programme. However, there are several tested and reliable drugs like chloropromazine, Amitriphlyline, Pheneoparbitone, Diazepham etc., which are used as anti psychotic/anti-depressant anti-epileptic/anti-anxiety drugs;

(c) There is no reliable data to indicate that the patients suffering from mental illness are on the increase.

(d) Dose not arise as no medicine has been identified as such under the programme.

Inclusion of eye preparations in category-I

541. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4202 given in Rajya Sabha on 31st Agust, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that eye-preparations based on Oxytetracycline and Demethylchloratetracycline do not fall in Category-I;

(b) if so, what is the Category in which these drugs fall;